

REMARKS

The Applicants submit these preliminary amendments for consideration before a first Office Action and request favorable action with respect to this application.

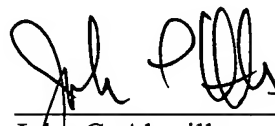
The contents of data to be transmitted from the maintenance tool 2 to the remove maintenance device 3 in preparation of a report of surveillance in an ordinary service is described on lines 9-13, paragraph [00064] of the specification which details that the process amount data and the controlling signal data are to be transmitted to the remote maintenance device.

The contents of the test data are described on lines 1-16, paragraph [00040] which is data obtained in a periodical checking service. The report of surveillance belongs to an ordinary service activity and is not particular only to the periodical checking activity. The data in the report to be transmitted is also not limited to the test data.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,



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